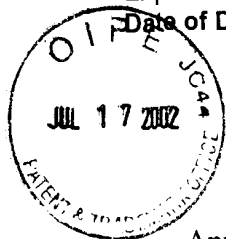


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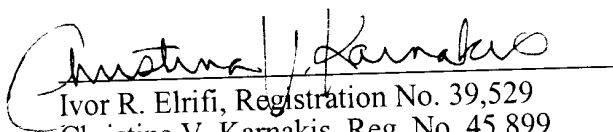
Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement (1 pg.);
- ☒ Post Card.

Although Applicants believe that appropriate fees due in connection with this submission are provided, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18427-001 CON. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



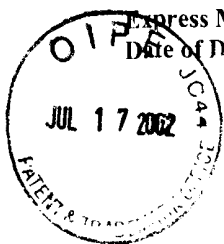
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the June 17, 2002 Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application. A response to the pending Office action is due July 17, 2002. Applicants believe that no fees are required for this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 18427-001 CON).

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims into 8 Groups. Applicants elect the invention of Group 8, claims 13-17, drawn to a method for detecting proliferating pancreatic duct cells by detecting PDX-1 with an agent that binds PDX-1, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Applicants make this election without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications.

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